

There was an old walker, named Sole,  
Who started to walk to the Pole.  
He had in his crew  
An umpire or two  
To call out the fowls that he stole.



## The Tasks That Bring Us Triumph Are Often Not Appealing--- Halfbacks Do Not Smash The Line Because They Like The Feeling



Another old walker, named Pense,  
Was doing a "Go no you please."  
He rested and talked  
Much more than he walked,  
Which is proper in contests like these.

## RIVALS ARE AFTER SAIER'S PLACE; MOLLWITZ TO BE CUB 1ST SACKER

Saier's Eyes Are Going Back On Him, It Appears; McGinnis Is Also a Bright Prospect, Taken From the Minors; Mollwitz and McGinnis Are Both Young Giants and Seem Clever First Basemen.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 16.—Vic Saier, look out! Your rivals are after you. They'll get you if you don't watch out.

Rehabilitation of the Chicago Cubs is the big idea with president Weeghman. It's the one absorbing thought with his numerous associates, and the first base problem is one up for solution.

Saier may and he may not be retained as regular first sacker of the Bruins in 1917, according to a tip from the Cub sanctum.

One reason for doubt about the first base post on the Cubs is the news from Lansing, Mich., home of the regular first sacker, that his sight is bothering him.

Saier is undergoing treatment for eye trouble and may not be able to report for duty next spring. There is a chance that he will be back at the old post, but the odds are against him.

**Contend for Saier's Place.**  
Another reason for doubt about the status of Saier in 1917 is the appearance of some likely rivals upon the scene. One of these is well known to Cub fans. He is Fred Mollwitz, purchased from the Cincinnati Reds last August. Mollwitz is a good first sacker and has experience. When this player was on the market last summer several American league clubs cast wistful eyes in the direction of Redtown, but there wasn't a chance to waive this player out of the older major circuit.

Among the clubs that might have used this player with effect at one stage of the race was the White Sox. Fournier was having an off season at bat and Ness was injured. Had the Sox

obtained Mollwitz at that time Comiskey might have won the pennant. Mollwitz is something of a giant, standing six feet two inches and tipping the beam at 175 pounds, in condition. He is a right handed batter and also throws with the same paw. He batted .236 in 88 games.

**McGinnis Is Bright Prospect.**  
Edward J. McGinnis is a bright first base prospect of the Cubs for next year. Like Mollwitz, he is a giant, standing six feet two inches in his gymnasium shoes and weighing 186 in the playing season.

Manager Tinker signed McGinnis when the Cubs were in Boston on their last eastern trip. Scouts galore were giving the younger the once over. He was playing with a team at St. Johnsbury, Vt., and showing great skill in batting and fielding.

The Cub manager ordered McGinnis to report to him in Boston, and he was leaguer. His work was so impressive that Tinker offered him a contract, which he signed.

**Has Marks of Big Leaguer.**  
"Several good judges of ball players have told me this youngster has all the earmarks of a big leaguer," said Tinker today. "He may prove to be another Saier or Hornsby. Good first basemen are rare and a good one who can hit is worth a lot of money. I believe this boy eventually will become one of the game's greatest first basemen. He fields with a free and easy motion. He seems to understand the game unusually well for a player whose experience has been confined to college and semipro clubs."

McGinnis was born in Boston, May 15, 1897, and his home is in the Hub. He began his baseball career with a semi-pro team in Maine in 1914. He joined the St. Johnsbury team in 1915.

## Dillon Has Lost Much of His Prestige Speed Is Sometimes Baseball Handicap

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Jack Dillon seems to have added far more to the heights he reached last summer when he whaled Frank Moran. The "Giant Killer" hasn't slain any good Goliaths since then and he has suffered a brace of beatings at the hands of his arch-enemy—Battling Levinsky.

The United States echoed with plaudits for Dillon after he beat up the bulky Pittsburgher. Jack was the national hero—ero. All the boxing promoters wanted him to take three-fourths of their fortunes in exchange for a little exhibition in their arenas. Vaudeville folks ceased pursuing Eva Tangora and Fritz Schell and Eddie Barrymore. They wanted a bigger drawing card; Jack Dillon, for instance.

And then Jack made the greatest blunder of his career. He took on "Battling" Levinsky in Baltimore and didn't do any extensive traveling for the affair. Hadn't he beaten Levinsky

in most of their other stunts? Of course! So why waste time in training?

So the untrained Dillon mingled with the shifty Hebrew—and Bat gave Jack the first beating the "Giant Killer" ever reached. "Fluke," said Jack's friends, and the public thought so, too. Likewise Mr. Dillon. So he asked for another match. He got it—in Boston. Dillon went in on that mill trained to the minute—and once again he was lamed.

Jack gets another chance. It's against Mike Gibbons. If he wins—decisively—he will recover some of his lost prestige. If he doesn't—farewell, then large and bulky guarantees forever and ever, amen.

**Speed is a handicap in baseball sometimes,** remarked Arthur Irwin, former Yankee scout, lapsing into a reminiscent mood. And then he recounted the famous "boner" in which Harry Niles figured.

It happened a number of years ago when Niles, a fleet footed person, and Danzig, a "clay mover" on the bases, were on the Red Sox roster, with the team battling against the Senators.

Fixed to come on first base when Niles came up to bat. He promptly poled a terrific drive to center and like a madman raced around to third base, beating the throw by ten feet.

Imagine Niles' amazement when, upon arising to his toes, the umpire said to him: "You're out."

"Out? Out?" he shrieked. "Whatcha mean, out? I was safe by a mile, you horse thief!"

"Oh, I'm not disputing the fact that you beat the throw, little one," returned the umpire cheerfully. "But rules is rules and so you're out. The rules specifically state that one runner cannot pass another in rounding the bases. And, my dear, sir, if you'll take a look

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BY BRIGGS



over there at second, you'll see Mr. Danzig whom you passed en route to this bag. So, you're out, Gitt!"

"Golf makes 'em lean," insists a medic. "The game isn't strenuous but just the same it provides exercise in just the right dosage to take up surplus weight gradually. I recommend golf to all my portly patients. Some are skeptical. So I just ask them to study the Scots. They are the most constant golf lovers in the world. And a fat Scotchman, as everyone knows, is a rarity."

Pittsburg has the greatest backfield in America," said Bob Folwell of Penn. Bob ought to know. The Pitt quartet craved through his powerful line for 38 points, without actually fatiguing itself.

Tia Juana is going to be a real fight town if "Sunny Jim" Coffroth has his way. He is planning to stage three or four championship bouts in the little Mexican place, just across the California border, where he now has his race track.

Associated with the former Frisco fight promoter is Baron Long. Acting for Coffroth, he is aiming now to land these matches: Jess Willard vs. Charlie Weidert, or Jess Willard vs. Fred Fulton; Freddie Welsh vs. Charlie White, or Freddie Welsh vs. Benny Leonard; "Kid" Williams vs. Johnny Ertle.

"What is your real, regular, baptismal font name?" was the question put to Bob Mohn, the burghoo of all the heavies.

"It's Bob—or Robert—Mohn," was the reply. "The record books say my real name is Robert Mohn—but it isn't. My father's name was Mohn, while that of my stepfather was Mucha. So I'm fighting under my own name."

## McCarthy's Manager Joins His Protege Ritchie Is Guest Of Penn. Militiamen

BY LEWIS RUTHERFORD.

In a new overcoat and with an air of prosperity, Sol Levinson, San Francisco glove maker, and manager of Johnny McCarthy, who is billed to meet Willie Ritchie next Sunday afternoon in the Juarez arena, arrived in the city Thursday to assume charge of the training camp of his protege. McCarthy, however, is not the only boxer in the Levinson stable, as the San Francisco manager has a host of other good boys whom he is anxious to bring to El Paso and match up in Juarez for contests in the stone arena. Levinson declared that he was confident of the outcome of the Ritchie battle, as he knew that McCarthy was easily capable of handling any opponent of the lightweight division.

Levinson said he had received an offer for the services of McCarthy in Tonopah, Nev., but refused it in order to come to El Paso. McCarthy, after the Ritchie bout, may return to Goldfield, Nev., however, which is only a short distance from Tonopah, as he has received excellent inducements from the promoters there. On October 12, McCarthy defeated Ritchie in a ten round contest in Goldfield, according to the newspaper decision and the fans are anxious for the San Franciscan to come back and meet a lightweight whom they may select.

Former lightweight champion Willie Ritchie was the guest of Gen. Young, of the Pennsylvania division, Thursday morning at Camp Stewart. Ritchie, while in Philadelphia about two years ago, became acquainted with many natives of the Quaker city, who are at present members of the national guard. Ritchie also visited Juarez and made friends with Gen. Francisco Gonzalez, commandant of border zone. The former title holder probably has as many

friends in different cities of the country as any boxer in the world today, and does not lose a chance to make additional acquaintances.

El Paso boxing fans will remember Joe Herrick, the Keweenaw middleweight, who appeared in Juarez in the summers of 1912-13, and who recently held Tommy Gibbons, a brother of the invincible Mike, to a 12 round draw in Winsor, Canada. Herrick, according to an eastern paper, is signed to meet Jeff Smith, of Bayonne, N. J., in a 12 round contest tonight in Milwaukee. The paper also says Billy Papke, formerly champion of the world in the middleweight division, is backing Herrick to defeat Smith.

Coach R. Loftus, of the High School Tigers, is leaving nothing undone that will aid him in a victory against the School of Mines on November 18, at the high school stadium. Coach Loftus has the members of the first team out practicing from the close of the afternoon school session until dark on various methods of defence and offence. The second team, according to reports from the stadium, are also in excellent shape and are angling for a game with some of the crack teams of the elementary schools which have been cleaning up their opponents.

Bobby Waugh, the Fast West light-weight, who was recently knocked out in Milwaukee in the third round of a scheduled ten round bout, is still in the east trying for a contest. Waugh has placed himself under the management of William Stuart, formerly pilot of Grover Hayes, who visited El Paso two years ago. Waugh will make Cleveland his headquarters for a busy winter campaign.

**EDDIE CAMPI IS GIVEN VERDICT; BRAMER COLLAPSES**  
Denver, Colo., Nov. 16.—Eddie Campi, of San Francisco, was awarded the ref-

eree's decision over Harvey Bramer, of Denver, here Thursday night. Bramer collapsed in the eighth round of a scheduled 12 round bout. They are featherweights. In the semi-windup Rex Morris defeated Benny Garcia, of Albuquerque. The men are welterweights.

## FIGHTS BANNED AT FORT BLISS

Texas Law Governs, But U. S. Authorities Would Have To Enforce It.

Confirming the statement in The Herald of last Tuesday, the attorney general of Texas has ruled that boxing bouts held at Fort Bliss would come under the ban of the laws of Texas, but that prosecutions would have to be made in United States court by the United States district attorney.

In ceding jurisdiction to the United States for military reservations, Texas has always stipulated that the laws of the state should apply to the reservations, their enforcement, however being under the jurisdiction of the United States officials.

The ruling of the attorney general was in response to a query from chaplain H. A. Chouinard, athletic officer of the 2nd infantry, asking if athletic bouts conducted for the soldiers at Fort Bliss would be permitted under the laws of Texas. Assistant attorney general Keeling replied, in effect, that boxing bouts, wholly within the confines of military camps, are governed by the United States laws, though prosecution is under Texas penal statutes, article 1597. The chaplain was informed further that the federal courts have entire jurisdiction in such matters, and the fact that the bouts in question are part of the athletic and welfare work of the army, for the benefit and entertainment of the enlisted men, and that they are held under the supervision and with the consent of the commanding officers, and that the profits from such bouts go to the amusement fund for the enlisted men, does not alter their status under the law.

In the opinion of the assistant attorney general, it would be for the United States district attorney to decide whether or not the promoters and participants in such bouts should be prosecuted. Chaplain Chouinard denies that the bouts in Camp Cotton were promoted by a civilian. He asserts that all bouts were promoted under the direction of himself as athletic officer of the regiment, with the approval of the regimental commander, and says that the civilian who made the matches was on salary and under his direction, and did not receive a percentage of the receipts. The matches were made in most cases by the civilian, but were approved in each case by the chaplain before they were put on, and no matches were made except between members of the military. Tickets were sold, however, to civilians.

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